THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Vacant Posts of Teachers in Delhi University

†1760. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than two hundred and fifty posts of teachers are vacant in Delhi University which is causing hinderance in the studies of students;

(b) if so, the details thereof and since when these posts are lying vacant;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a ban on new appointments as well as promotions for the last three and a half years;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when new appointments against above vacant posts would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) As per information received from Delhi University presently there are 32 posts of Professors, 87 posts of Readers and 65 posts of Lecturers lying vacant in Delhi University.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Delhi University has already started the appointments for filling up the vacancies of teaching posts.

Villages without Schools

1761. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to an estimate, about 1,33,000 villages all over the country do not have any school;

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) is so, what steps are being taken by Government to open a school in each village; and

(c) by when the target would be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) According to All India Educational Survey (1993) the number of habitations not having primary school facilities in the country is 1,76,000.

The primary responsibility for opening of schools in the State rests with the concerned State Government.

The National Policy of Education 1986 and the Plan of Action 1992 envisaged provision of a primary school within one k.m. of walking distance in habitation with a population of 300 (Two hundred in the case of Tribal/Desert/ Hilly Areas) and upper primary schools within three k.m. of walking distance of every habitation with a population 500.

Under the proposed revised scheme of Alternative and Innovative Education, one component seeks to establish a learning centre in all unserved habitations that do not have one within a radius of one kilometre.

Fee Hike by Universities

1762. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Universities and deemed Universities are likely to increase student fee considerably;

(b) what factors have been kept in view while taking this decision; and

(c) whether any concession would be given to poor students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) Para 11.2 of National Policy on Education, 1986 and its Programme of Action, 1992 envisages hike in fee at the higher levels of education to raise the quality of education in the country. However, the fee in a University is decided as per the provisions in its Ordinances. As such, any hike in the fee for Delhi University and colleges has to be considered and decided by the University itself. While considering any hike in fee, the Universities are expected to keep all factors in